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## **HB 2700**

Introduced by

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-154, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION;  
RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAMS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2       Section 1. Section 15-154, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4           15-154. Public school safety program proposal: requirements;  
5           purpose: definitions

6       A. A public school district may apply to participate or may complete  
7 an application to continue in the school safety program as provided in this  
8 section for any fiscal year by submitting ~~by April 15~~ a program proposal or  
9 an application to continue the program to the school safety program oversight  
10 committee. New applicants are restricted to unencumbered monies that have  
11 been appropriated in previous fiscal years or monies appropriated to expand  
12 the program. The program proposal shall contain:

13           1. A detailed description of the school safety needs of the public  
14 school or school district.

15           2. A plan for implementing a law related education program or a plan  
16 that demonstrates the existence of a law related education program as a  
17 school safety prevention strategy.

18           3. A plan to use trained school resource officers or juvenile  
19 probation officers in the schools, or both.

20       B. The state board of education shall administer the program in  
21 cooperation with the courts, law enforcement agencies and law related  
22 education providers. Representatives from the state board of education shall  
23 use relevant crime statistics and shall visit schools located in school  
24 districts that submit program proposals in order to verify the information  
25 contained in the program proposals.

26       C. The department of education, at the direction of the state board of  
27 education, shall distribute monies to the school districts whose plans have  
28 been approved by the school safety program oversight committee.

29       D. Any appropriations that are made to the department of education for  
30 the school safety program are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190  
31 relating to the lapsing of appropriations. All monies that are not used for  
32 an approved school safety plan during the fiscal year for which the monies  
33 were appropriated revert to the department of education for distribution to  
34 the program in the following fiscal year.

35       E. Monies received by a school district under the program shall be  
36 spent to implement the approved plans.

37       F. For THE purposes of this section:

38           1. "Law related education" means interactive education to equip  
39 children and youth with knowledge and skills pertaining to the law, school  
40 safety and effective citizenship.

41           2. "Law related education program" means a program designed to provide  
42 children and youth with knowledge, skills and activities pertaining to the  
43 law and legal process and to promote law-abiding behavior with the purpose of  
44 preventing children and youth from engaging in delinquency or violence and  
45 enabling them to become productive citizens.

1           Sec. 2. Appropriation: school safety programs: exemption

2       A. The sum of \$3,300,000 is appropriated from the state general fund  
3       in fiscal year 2007-2008 to the department of education for distribution to  
4       school districts for school safety programs. This appropriation shall  
5       supplement and not supplant other monies appropriated for this purpose.

6       B. The department may retain up to three per cent of the monies  
7       appropriated pursuant to subsection A of this section for administrative  
8       costs.

9       C. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt  
10      from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to  
11      lapsing of appropriations.